Monroe County's
Churchville Park
Points of Information

Boat Launch Area

This area is a great spot for fishing, and boating on Black Creek. Even if you don't have a boat, wildlife and waterfowl viewing is great. Although there are no maintained trails, there are several open spaces where oak trees overhang the creek. You can sit among the cattails, wildflowers and dogwood shrubs and watch wildlife and waterfowl on the creek. At one spot along the bank you can see about a half mile upstream. Canoeists have reported spotting beaver, river otters, painted turtles and birds such as kingfishers, egrets, great blue herons, Canadan geese and other waterfowl. During migration look for snow geese and other birds not usually found in this area.

Fishing Access Route 33 East

Although there are no maintained hiking trails in this area, it is a great spot to relax on a park bench overlooking a small dam on the west bank of Black Creek near the center of town. Fishermen report catching pike, large mouth bass, bullheads and pan fish such as bluegills here. This area of the creek was once bustling with a variety of mills, including saw mills, and flour mills in the early 1800's. Just downstream is the Vail-Sage Black Creek Bridge.

Pinetree Lodge Area

Just South of Pinetree Lodge are some good views of a small bay-like area of Black Creek. There are a variety of wildflowers along the bank. In fall look for Joe-Pye-weed, vervain, turtlehead and a variety of asters. If you stand quietly amongst the cattails, wild-flowers and shrubs lining the bank, you may spot painted turtles, frogs and a variety of waterfowl.

Anderson Shelter

Behind this shelter is a large stand of beech trees and great views of Black Creek. See if you can find the oak tree with the huge burl on it. Listen for woodpeckers, great blue herons and other birds. If you are parked in the lot near East-West Lodge, there is a small gravel pathway to the west, which will take you to Anderson. You can continue west along the banks all the way to the golf course.

Beechwoods Area

As the name implies, there is a stand of beech trees, some more than 75 feet tall. There are also great views of Black Creek. It was in this area in the late 1990's that river otter were released into Black Creek. There is a small footpath to the west along the creek that leads through beech, maple, ash and shagbark hickory trees. There are also wildflowers and ferns. You can continue west past Maplegrove shelter as far as the golf course.

Maplegrove Area

Just west of the shelter is a short wooded footpath. It ends at the golf course. You will walk through beech, maple, hornbeam, ash and oak trees. There are a variety of ferns, mosses, and wildflowers along the way and in fall some interesting fungus. Early spring look for mayapple and other wildflowers.

Please be aware of seasonal changes in trail conditions and be prepared for natural environment such as mosquitoes and poison ivy in some areas.

If you have rented a Lodge...

Go to that lodge. The doors will be unlocked one hour prior to the arrival time printed on the reservations permit.

If you have rented a Shelter...

A park guard will stop by to check your permit.

Churchville Park Hours and Rules

Churchville Park is open everyday from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. The shelters and lodges are reserved by calling 256-4951 and are available from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. daily. Our County Parks are **Carry-In Carry-Out.** Please take all garbage with you to dispose of after you leave. Keg Beer is permitted if stamped on your rental permit. Recreation fields are available on a first come / first serve basis if the fields are not in league use. **Pets must be leashed. Bicycles are not allowed on trails.**

Churchville Park Golf Course offers 27 holes of championship golf. Located off Kendall Road, the course is operated by Jack Tindale, Inc. Call 293-0680 for hours of operation and rates.

Churchville Park Ice Skating Rink is located next to Church Lodge. The rink is open from 10:00a.m. to 10:00p.m. daily, as conditions allow. Call 889-9610 for rink conditions.